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State Division of Workers' Compensation to hold free Spanish-language seminar on workers' compensation benefits and laws in Santa Rosa this Wednesday

Cal/OSHA will also advise employees about preventing heat-related illnesses

The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will conduct a free Spanish-language seminar on workers' compensation benefits and laws in Santa Rosa this Wednesday, May 9 from 6-7 p.m. at the Employment Development Department (EDD) job service office on Healdsburg Avenue. A workplace safety expert from Cal/OSHA will also be on hand to teach employees about preventing heat illness.

"As the weather heats up it makes sense for us to team up with Cal/OSHA," said DWC acting Administrative Director Carrie Nevans. "High temperatures in the Santa Rosa area can expose workers to heat-related illnesses. We want to help workers avoid injuries that can occur in extreme temperatures, as well as to understand their rights should they get hurt on the job."

The seminar is set up for employees that have recently filed a workers' compensation claim with their employer, but any worker can benefit from attending and anyone can attend. At the seminar employees will receive information on staying safe on the job under hot conditions, getting medical treatment for an injury or illness, disability payments, returning to work after an injury and resolving a disagreement over a workers' compensation claim. The workshop will take place in Santa Rosa on:

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

6-7 p.m.

Employment Development Department

Job Service Location

606 Healdsburg Avenue

Santa Rosa CA

The one-hour program includes a presentation followed by a question and answer session, and is conducted by the DWC Information and Assistance Unit, in cooperation with Cal/OSHA. The Information and Assistance Unit plays a major role in resolving disagreements over workers' compensation benefits and is the state's main information source for injured workers.

The DWC conducts English-language seminars for injured workers on a monthly basis at each of its 24 local offices. A listing of workshop days, times and locations in English and Spanish can be found on DWC's Web site at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc. Click on the link that says, "Injured on the job? Need to know your rights?" Injured workers can also call 1-800-736-7401 to find the workshop near them and hear other recorded information. To go directly to workshop locations in English, callers should press 7, then 7 again, then 1 after dialing the 800 number. Spanish-speaking workers may call 1-800-736-7401 and press 2 for details.

More information on preventing heat-related illnesses can be found on the Web at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html>.

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